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### **Lake County Sheriff's Office Participates in “National Day Of Johns” and Arrests 19**

The Lake County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division and Special Investigations Unit (SIU) participated in a nationwide operation that specifically targeted customers of prostitutes, better known as “Johns”.

A coalition of Local and Federal law enforcement agencies joined together in a continuing campaign to suppress the demand for “purchased sex”. The operation is defined as a Web Based Reverse Sting meaning that the prostitutes are actually Lake County Sheriff's Deputies.

The 2 day operation was conducted in southern and northern Lake County where Lake County Sheriff's Deputies posed as prostitutes with an “escort” advertisement on a social media site that has been used frequently to transact prostitution.

When the Johns arrive and offer money to the undercover Deputies for sex they are arrested and transported to the Lake County Jail. A total of 19 Johns were arrested as a result of this operation.

The arrested Johns are identified as;

Frank G. Karkazis (52) of Northbrook  
Ronald A. Raffel (71) of Highland Park  
Matthew A. Nelson (52) of Vernon Hills  
John Coldea (48) of Lincolnwood  
Dana M. Oberlin (59) of Northfield  
Dimitar I. Dimitrov (49) of Schiller Park  
Jerome W. Sekulich (55) of Waukegan  
Jose L. Beverra-Mucino (31) of Waukegan  
Douglas W. Folger (42) of Lindenhurst  
Gustavo Gallardo-Mendoza (43) of Beach Park  
Goran Jovanovic (38) of Chicago  
Maurillo Reyes-Zamora (25) of Zion  
Guadalupe J. Sanchez (39) of Round Lake Park  
Patrick Y. Bance (38) of Libertyville  
Curtis B. Campbell (54) of Kenosha Wi.  
Isaac Franklin Foster IV (32) North Chicago  
Thomas A. Hills ((55) of Waukegan  
Baltazar Reyes (50) of Waukegan  
Miguel Angel Rodriguez (34) of North Chicago

A total of 570 “Johns” were arrested throughout the U.S. as a result of this nationwide campaign.

“We do not desire to be the morals police, however, prostitution is illegal. Further, prostitution is not a victimless crime and the sex trade and sex slavery are evils that we will fight with all we have. “ says Lake County Sheriff Mark C. Curran Jr.

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